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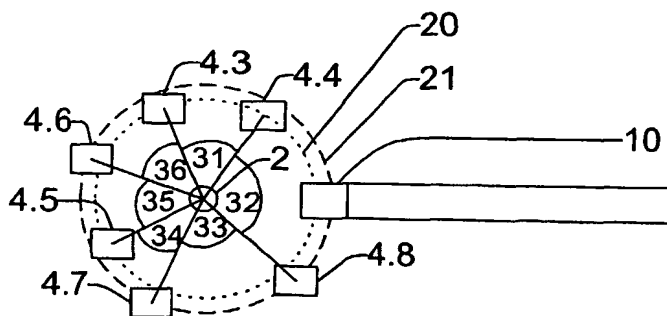
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a record carrier (1) like a CD-RW+ or a DVD supporting an improved handling and, in particular, an improved access control to information stored on the record carrier (1) by supplying an additional information source. The record carrier (1) has a first area (3) for storing a first kind of information and further has multiple second areas (4.1, ..., 4.8) each designed for comprising a coupling element to a device for reading and/or writing the record carrier (1), the distribution of the coupling elements on the record carrier (1) encoding a third kind of information, e.g. a regional code indicating the geographical regions the record carrier (1) is valid. Storage media storing information of second kinds may supplement the coupling elements and a coupling element and a storage medium may be integrated into a chip. Making the coupling elements detachable from the record carrier (1) results in an easy way of modifying the third kind of information on a finished record carrier (1).

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